

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - West High School Smart Boards Acquisition

**State Funding Requested: \$ 42,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 26 - M****Brief Project Description:**

Funds would purchase twenty smart boards and their accompanying hardware.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$42,000**

<u>Funding Secured</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

<u>Other Pending Requests</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This request is an education priority. West High School, Anchorage's first and oldest high school, is currently at 116% capacity. There are 9 relocatable classrooms and many teachers who are required to move from classroom to classroom with all of their teaching materials on a cart. There are currently only three functional computer labs to service 1900 students, and they are often booked months in advance. The purchase of twenty smart boards will alleviate the pressure on the computer labs by bringing interactive computer technology to the classroom. The Smart Boards will be implemented in the math classrooms. Math is the area where West High's testing scores are lowest, and the integration of this new technology will help keep the subject exciting for students. Smart Boards help engage students and promote an interactive learning atmosphere.

**Project Timeline:**

Computers and Smart Boards would be purchased for use starting with the 2008/09 school year.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Anchorage School District

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



## West Anchorage High School

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"Home of the Eagles"

To: Senator Hollis French  
Representative Mike Doogan  
Representative Lindsey Holmes

February 27, 2008

Re: Technology

Dear Senator French and Representatives Doogan and Holmes:

I would like to thank you for your support of upgrading the technology at West Anchorage High School. West Anchorage High School is trying to provide additional technological opportunities for our students. Having the ability to provide interactive Smart Boards for our Math Classrooms and a mobile computer lab for the use of the entire school will be beneficial for our students and overall school programs.

The math teachers of my building are a group of teachers who, through their outstanding desire to provide wonderful lessons, will benefit immensely from this much needed technology. They will have another tool to help in the teacher/student interaction that promotes learning. If this request is fulfilled it will benefit all of the 1900 students in our school. Smart Boards benefit students of all learning modalities. The interaction the students can have with the technology and teacher are outstanding.

West Anchorage High School is at 116% capacity and many of our teachers share classrooms. We added an additional nine relocatable classrooms and we still have teachers traveling on carts from classroom to classroom. With only three functional computer labs available for 1900 students, a mobile computer would offer additional opportunities for our staff and students. Our current labs are booked for months in advance. Unable to access computers limits the educational opportunity for our staff.

Sincerely,

Rick Stone

Principal

West Anchorage High School